

IN THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Fig. 35-41. These sheets, which include Fig. 35-41, replace the original sheets including Fig. 35-41.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 11-22 are presently active in the present application. Claims 1-5 and 7-10 have been canceled presently without prejudice.

In the outstanding Office Action, the drawings were objected to. Claims 1-5 and 7-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ishii (Jap. Pat. No. 2001-080111) in view of Yamanaka et al (Jap. Pat. No. 2001-138568).¹ Claims 11-22 were indicated as being allowed.

Regarding the drawing objection, Figures 35-41 have been labeled with --Prior Art--, as suggested. Thus, the drawing objection has been overcome.

Regarding the rejection on the merits, Claims 1-5 and 7-10 have been canceled. Further, with the identification of allowable subject matter in Claims 11-22 and with the cancellation of Claims 1-5 and 7-10, the present case is believed to be in a condition for allowance.

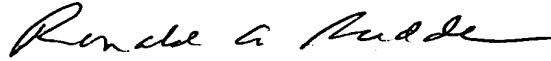
This amendment is submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 which permits entry of amendments canceling claims and complying with any requirement of form expressly set out in the Office Action. The present amendment cancels the rejected claims and addresses the formal matter of the --Prior Art-- labeling of Figures 35-51. Thus, the present amendment should be entered under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

¹ Claims 1-5, 8-13, and 21-22 were listed in the outstanding Office Action as being rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ishii (Jap. Pat. No. 2001-080111) in view of Yamanaka et al (Jap. Pat. No. 2001-138568). Given the allowable subject matter identified in Claims 11-22, Applicant's representative confirmed with Examiner Pham on February 13, 2006 that it was only Claims 1-5 and 7-10 that were rejected over Ishii and Yamanaka et al.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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